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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for hens and 16-24 lb. toms continued to be steady to firm. Limited trading reported firmed priced for October deliveries hens at 72.50 cents and toms 74.50 cents. Demand mixed, best for deferred. Offerings limited for prompt shipments and light to moderate for out front, with toms continuing to be in the tightest position. Light to moderate trading on parts and meats. Trading on fresh and frozen tom breast meat steady to firm. Thigh meat continued to show strength with most trading going to export.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading continued to be light. Reported sales on frozen thigh meat continued to show signs of strength with most offers at higher levels for current production. Inquiry good for frozen thigh meat from Asia and fair from Mexico. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announced invitations for pork for shipment to Russia for use in export programs.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 18, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66.5-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65.5-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66.5-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	72.50	300	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66.5-67	-	-	-	74.50	300	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65.5-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66.5-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 MAY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on fresh tom breast meat with fill-in volumes noted at higher trending price levels. Demand light to sometimes good on fresh tom breast meat. Tenderloin demand light to fair with increased activity noted on open priced fresh destrapped. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to adequate with some raising offer prices for current shipment, drums light to adequate with toms held with increased confidence, tom full-cut wings adequate to ample with spot weakness noted. For export: frozen whole tenderloins (1 container) 145 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	128.81	315
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.50		15.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.27	109
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	40.00	80
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	24
NECKS, HEN		R	16.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	175.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	191.00		191.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	46.00	64
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	45.91	46
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.24	102
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.14	35
TENDERLOINS	139.00		139.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	15.84	430

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-16.00		15.39	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.00	208
TAILS		F	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.67	608
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-50.00		47.50	416

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-88
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-78

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 MAY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat, frozen steady to fully steady. Bulk parts trade sentiment steady on necks and tom 2-joint wings, steady to fully steady on drums, hen 2-joint wings firm. Thigh meat demand continues fair to good for export and light to fair for domestic with strong undertones still noted. Trading light on all items. Some hearts noted at 30.50 cents delivered. Offerings of frozen thigh meat light to adequate with prices continuing to trend higher, fresh tom breast meat light, mechanically separated turkey uneven.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	128.81	315
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	15.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	22.27	109
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	20.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	40.00	80
NECKS, TOM		T	16.00	24
NECKS, HEN		R	16.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	175.00-178.00		177.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	187.00-191.00		189.57	140
THIGH MEAT		F	46.00	64
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	49.00		49.00	25
BREAST TRIM MEAT	105.00		105.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.14	35
TENDERLOINS	143.00		143.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	153.00		153.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00-73.00		69.23	53
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	14.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	15.84	430
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	15.39	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.00	208
TAILS	15.00-18.00		16.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.67	608
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-52.00		51.61	368

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 5/19/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	-	424,317	424,667
1997-98	6,292	442,421	442,671

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